



## VCARS asks for support

Victims Crisis Assistance and Referral Services is facing cuts.



## Writing for Rights

Students at BDHS take part in Amnesty International campaign.



## Tree-Decorating!

Tree Decorating 101, offered by a Pro.

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## Meet me at the manger!



The Children's Choir at St. John's Presbyterian Church presented their Christmas Pageant, Meet Me at the Manger, in front of a capacity audience, on Sunday, December 14. For upcoming services, see page 17.

"Meet Me at the Manger" featured the Children's Choir of St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Set in "Herod's Department Store," the Pageant was filled with music, "Wise Guys," and plenty of hilarious quips that had the capacity audience, of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends, applauding and laughing out loud.

There was also a performance by the "Cherub Choir" - tots who dressed up

as little sheep, cows and other barnyard animals, to sing, "Away in a Manger."

The service itself, held December 14 at St. John's Presbyterian in Bradford, included favourite Christmas Carols, Christmas hymns, and prayers led by Minister, Reverend Dr. Daniel Scott, calling on worshippers to "Rejoice

see MANGER Page 13

## 'Intention to demolish'

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received an undated letter from Dino Deluca, of Delmark Homes, formally notifying the municipality of the intention to demolish 108 Moore St., a stately home that is more than 120 years old.

Diane Milos, a member of SOHO - Save Our Heritage Organization - addressed Council in Open Forum, to remind Councilors that the Town has received a 500-signature petition, calling for the preservation of the home.

"We are fed up the destruction of heritage property that should have been designated," Milos said, noting that many homes of character and history have already been lost in Bradford. "This is all to make room for new development, with no regard for history."

She called 108 Moore St. worthy of heritage designation. "It cannot be ignored," she said, pointing out that "people drive to other towns, to experience this type of atmosphere," especially where the homes have been "lovingly restored" by their owners.

She concluded, "I'm confident that we now have a Council that has the same vision."

Also in Open Forum, Dave Proctor called 108 Moore St. "A gem," reminding Council, "A big part of revitalizing the Downtown is keeping what is old." He also suggested that the developers "do not care what the residents think, or what you think."

"What a glorious opportunity

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## Pedestrian injured on County Rd. 27

At about 6:30 a.m. on December 15, South Simcoe Police were called to a collision involving a pedestrian, on County Rd. 27 south of the hamlet of Newton Robinson. Officers determined that during the pre-dawn darkness a southbound car struck a pedestrian who was walking on the paved portion of the road. After hitting the pedestrian, the vehicle veered into oncoming traffic, striking a second vehicle.

The pedestrian, a 23 Richmond Hill man, was taken to hospital with serious to critical injuries, and later air-lifted to a Toronto trauma centre. He remains in serious condition. Alcohol consumption is suspected to be a factor in the collision. Neither driver was injured. Investigators remained on scene until 3 p.m. Witnesses are asked to contact PC Steve Black, 705-436-2141 ext. 2030.

## Waste Management Information Christmas & New Years



### WASTE COLLECTIONS

#### Regular day:

Thursday, December 25, 2014  
Friday, December 26, 2014  
Thursday, January 1, 2015  
Friday, January 2, 2015

#### Changing to:

Friday, December 26, 2014  
Saturday, December 27, 2014  
Friday, January 2, 2015  
Saturday January 3, 2015

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Friday, December 26, 2014  
Thursday, January 1, 2015



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## VCARS asks for support

Doug Conley, Chair of the Barrie & Area VCARS (Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Service) and Marie McCallum, Executive Director of VCARS, were invited to address the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board, regarding planned cuts to funding for VCARS.

VCARS of Barrie & Area provides support to victims not only of crime, including rape, domestic assault, and homicide, but of "traumatic circumstances" - such as fire, serious motor vehicle collisions, and suicide.

Trained professionals with VCARS will sit with the victims, comfort the children, help assess the impact of thefts and fire - and refer to counselling and support services, freeing up police officers who are otherwise mandated to provide Victim Services.

"We rely heavily on referrals from our police officers, and our police officers rely on our volunteers," Conley noted. "The Police Act is very specific. The Police Service has to provide assistance to victims."

Currently, VCARS of Barrie & Area relies on 5 full-time staff and 140 trained volunteers - but the proposed cuts will have an impact. The cuts amount to \$100,000 over a two-year period - one-third of VCARS' budget. Conley told the PSB that the agency has managed to find \$50,000 in savings, in "a very tight budget... to provide the best we can with the least possible cost" - but there is no way to absorb the additional cuts, without cutting staff. "In 2016-17, we will probably have to let two people go." Although, advised by the Ministry

of the Attorney General not to bring their issue to the public, Conley said his Board decided "it was appropriate" to ask the Police Services Board to "communicate with Ministry and the Minister", and ask them to reverse or reconsider the cuts - "to lead to awareness by the minister that the cuts are going to have an impact. The police officers are going to have to spend more time with victims... It is going to create a gap."

New PSB member Bob Keffer, Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury, asked, "Is the impact the same all across the province, or is the Barrie area hit harder?"

Conley replied that the province has changed the way it counts referrals, and will no longer

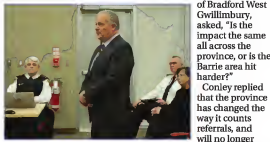
include assistance to victims of suicide or fatal fatalities, setting a cap of 860 referrals as the threshold to receive full funding. "York Region and Toronto got an increase in funding, while the rest of us lost."

"There's not lots" who will meet the new criteria, added McCallum - pointing out that Barrie & Area VCARS, which covers the city of Barrie, Towns of Innisfil, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and New Tecumseth, as far west as Midland, will receive the same funding as the City of Orillia, which has a population of 28,000.

The Police Services Board in its December 15 meeting voted in favour of writing a letter in support of VCARS, and contacting both MP and MPP for York Region, "oppressing provincial funding cuts to VCARS."

**Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times**

VCARS chair Doug Conley addresses the Police Service Board, Dec. 15.



## Impaired driver in collision

On December 14, shortly before 3 a.m., South Simcoe Police were called to the intersection of Innisfil Beach Rd. and Jans Blvd., where a vehicle had crashed into a fence.

The driver reportedly attempted to leave before police arrived, but

officers found the driver standing near the scene of the crash. The man was arrested for suspected Impairment by Alcohol, and returned to the police station where breath testing confirmed that he was well over the legal limit.



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The 38 year old Georgetown man was charged with Impaired and Excess Alcohol, his licence suspended for 90 days, his vehicle impounded, and he was held in custody until sober.

## New Council asked for funding

Mayor Rob Kaffer opened the first full session of Council, December 16, with a welcome to all who filled the Council chamber. "I look forward to the term ahead. We've got a lot of work to do, we've got a challenge but... we'll work together and do really good things for our Town," he said.

Council's first task was to listen to 3 deputations - all of them asking for financial assistance.

The Bradford Board of Trade's President, James McNeill presented an overview of the role of the Board in the community, its events, and its potential to work with the Town to be a "catalyst to the business community," and promote new, larger-scale commercial and industrial development.

"I know it's one of your mandates to bring that forward, in the next four years," he said, suggesting a role for the BBT, not necessarily partnering with the Town, but working on behalf of the Town.

However, for the BBT to continue in its role, McNeill said, "We need a capital injection.... What I'm looking for is \$20,000 to \$35,000" per year, over the next 3 years.

Councillor Gary Lamb noted that the Town already supports the BBT, to the tune of \$6,000 per year. "I'm not certain, from my perspective, I want to keep giving taxpayers' dollars," Lamb said, suggesting that the Board submit its business plan and request to the Town for consideration during budget discussions - but warning, "everybody at this table" will be looking for cuts.

Deputy Mayor James Leduc agreed that economic development and job creation "is our mandate," but added, "I'd just like to see a little more financial planning."

The second deputation was John Playford, principal of Bradford District High School - sharing some of his school's recent achievements within the community, including a letter-writing campaign on behalf of Amnesty International, and the Adopt-A-Handy fundraiser, in partnership with the Helping Hand Food Bank.

"This is a growing area, and the

school is growing as well," Playford noted, with over 1,100 students currently enrolled. In fact, the school is outgrowing its own space. With over 250 graduates in a year, "we do fill the auditorium, our gymnasium, and also have an overflow area," he said, where parents watch the ceremonies on TV.

To bring the ceremonies under one roof, he has booked the old Bradford Community Centre arena for next year's graduation - but wondered if there was anything the Town could do to offset some of the costs.

"I think it's a great idea," said Mayor Kaffer, noting that expanded use of the Bradford Community Centre was part of his election campaign.

"I think (grad) a significant event in every young person's life," said Councillor Mark Contois, suggesting that the Town waive the \$10,000 rental.

Deputy Mayor James Leduc recommended drawing on the expertise of the Bradford Lions Club. "We know how to get some of the equipment you'll be needing," he said.

Councillor Gary Lamb urged Playford to submit the request to the Town, for discussion at budget time. "I support that, but I think it would have to go through proper channels."

Finally, Alder Wright of the Wright Way, after a far-ranging discussion of the barriers to access in Bradford, urged the Town to include the concept of Accessibility at every level, be more aware of the issues - and support a new Global Access Awareness Day, scheduled for May 21.

"I am working on a budget," Wright told Councillors. "I am asking for your official support for something you guys are going to be proud to brag about; something that would address the needs not only of people with disabilities but seniors as well, 'because we're all in the same boat.'"

Council also received four pieces of correspondence - from the Bradford & District Skating Club, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, Simcoe County Farm Fresh, and Autism Ontario - asking for funding.

Council voted to refer all requests to budget talks.

## Town getting 'money from the Province'

The Town of BWG approved three funding agreements with the Province of Ontario - agreements that will give the Town a share of available funding. . **Dedicated Gas Tax funds**, of 2

cents per litre, for Transit. The Town is eligible for \$235,804.

. **Ontario Infrastructure Fund**. BWG will be eligible for \$319,484 per year, 2015-2017.

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## New Year's Levee at the Legion

The Bradford Legion, 115 Back St., is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance.

Now, the definition of "Veteran" has been broadened to include RCMP officers or any Peace Officer on a special duty operation. Call Veteran Services Officer Sean Griffin at 705-251-0208.

Please note: Friday Night Social Time is cancelled for the holidays. December 26 and January 2 – although there will be Karaoke on January 2nd at 8 p.m., to welcome in the New Year.

Euchre, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Registration starts at 1 p.m., play starts at 1:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. Note: Euchre is

Cancelled on Dec. 27 for the Holidays.

The Bradford Legion hosts its President's New Year's Levee on

Thursday, Jan. 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. All welcome, for fellowship.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community?

Consider membership in the Legion or the Ladies' Auxiliary! For more information, contact 905-775-5025.

**Photo:** President Fraser McConkey joins Rose Halley at the Legion's Christmas Social, Dec. 13, with donations for the Salvation Army. There is a bin inside the front doors to the Legion, where food donations can be dropped off, to assist the needy.

possible snow clearance by the municipality. But this year, overnight on Dec. 31-Jan. 1, residents will be able to leave their vehicles parked on the street, without fear of being ticketed.

Mayor and Council hope the change will persuade party-goers who have imbibed to spend the night, instead of getting behind the wheel of their vehicle.

Councillor Peter Ferragine also put forward a proposal to keep BWG Transit running late on New Year's Eve - but Council felt there wasn't enough time to arrange for the service this year.

## There will be parking on New Year's

The Town wants residents to plan ahead for New Year's Eve, and avoid the possibility of drinking and driving - and getting stopped by Police in a R.D.C. checkpoint, or worse: becoming involved in a collision that could cause injury, or even death.

To make it easier for residents to celebrate safely, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council whole-heartedly endorsed Mayor Bob Keffler's proposal, to suspend the ban on overnight on-street parking, on New Year's Eve.

Normally, onstreet parking is banned between 2 and 6 a.m., to allow for

## New Calendars for a New Year

The Bond Head Women's Institute 2015 Calendar, "Vanishing Barns of Bradford West Gwillimbury," is almost sold out. Copies are available for \$20 each, at 905-775-6618, 705-456-1870 or 905-775-4471.

The BWG Fire & Emergency 2015 Calendar, created by the Town's Volunteer Firefighters as a fundraiser for a range of charities, are only \$20 each, available at BWG Fire & Emergency Service HQ, on Melbourne Drive.

## Coats for Kids closed for Holidays

The Coats for Kids Depot in the St. Mary's A Hall will be open tonight, Dec. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m., then closed until Tuesday, January 6 at 1 p.m. Merry Christmas!



Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

**CHATS - Community & Home Assistance to Seniors** - engages and entertains seniors with its free luncheons and parties, like the October 30 Halloween Luncheon seen here, held at CHATS at 448 Holland St. West. The planned Christmas Luncheon on December 11 had to be cancelled, due to inclement weather and heavy snow.

## letters to the editor

### Snow way to clear the roads

To the editor: I'd like to make this a formal complaint. I live in Grand Central, and I understand that major streets take priority over residential streets when it comes to snow removal during a storm - but after work on December 11, streets had not been plowed, even once. People trying to get home were stuck in their own street, unable to make it to their driveways. It was neighbours helping to push cars that made it possible to get home. Do you think that's acceptable?

To add insult to injury, we woke up to find that the streets still had not been plowed the next morning. Cars trying to leave for work were stuck. People can't leave home for work. In the Mayor, Ward 1 Councillor, and Town administrator: You have failed to provide a basic service we all pay for. Are you going to make up for all that lost income? Because our tax dollars sure are not doing what they are supposed to do.

I hope this is not a sign of how the new administration will run this Town. Someone has to be held accountable, and the Town needs to make sure this will not happen again.

Omar Portugal, Bradford

### Where were the plows?

To the editor: My understanding of the No Parking By-law is that it allows for snow removal, and unobstructed access for plowing from 2 to 6 a.m.

I understand the by-law, but what I don't understand is why a lot of the streets in town are not passable when people leave for work in the morning. Waking up to our first major snowfall on December 11, a lot of the side streets were not cleared. Even at 2 in the afternoon, when I left on an errand, Valleyview, Maincourt Court and Maple Grove had not been plowed. The plows finally did come, but Maurino Court was totally forgotten.

We had citizens who live on Maurino Court who, after a long day at work and extra-long commute home, couldn't even get to their driveways.

Neighbours with 4-Wheel Drive came out and made a couple of paths, but vehicles that did try to enter the Court still got stuck, and had to have friends and neighbours push them to their homes.

This time frame for clearing roads needs to be refined. I understand it was a lot of snow; we went through this last year also. Yet Bradford is still unprepared. Has the fleet of plows not grown, in conjunction with the Town's growth? It should have. Can we not start earlier, and get a head start on the weather? Maybe Bradford needs to look at subcontracting out some of its street plowing. I think, with a little effort, the snow plowing in Bradford could be much improved.

Dave Minnema, Bradford

### Melody Mayhem success

To the editor: Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County raised close to \$16,000 at their Melody Mayhem event on Dec. 6. After costs, the agency cleared over \$6000 - equivalent to more than 50 professional counselling services for those in need across Simcoe County.

Melody Mayhem was a family-friendly music trivia night filled with delicious food, and live entertainment that also put a spotlight on the invaluable services that the agency provides. Guests enjoyed a great evening with friends and family, while supporting an even greater cause.

Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County is a non-profit organization offering professional counselling services and education, available to everyone living or working in Simcoe County regardless of age, ability, cultural or religious background, race, sexual orientation or gender identity.

see MAYHEM Page 5



## Bradford High's Adopt-A-Family has record response



Submitted photo

Bradford District High School students, teachers and staff, families and the community collected a record number of gifts for the families "adopted" for Christmas. The toys will be handed out to families registered with the Food Bank.

To the Editor: Bradford District High School held our most successful Adopt-A-Family to date. We worked with the Food Bank to identify families that needed help this holiday season. Then those families were "adopted" by individual teachers and classes, who were responsible for fundraising and buying gifts for the children in the family.

We had creative ideas this year to help raise money. There were lots of bake sales, and some classes competed against each other to see who could raise the most. The money from our annual Staff vs. Student hockey game was donated as well. So many staff and students participated! We also had lots of help from community sources, and would like to thank Scholastic Canada, Canadian Tire Store, and Universal Logistics. These companies made donations of toys and gifts, joining current and former students' families in making donations.

It was a huge success. Overall we collected \$11,000 worth of gifts. Thank you so much to the students that participated, and the Bradford families

that sent toys with their students, that baked items for the bake sale, and to the Staff who led the students to such success.

Jennifer Brake, BDHS

## Melody Mayhem

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As a non-profit organization the agency relies on the generosity of donors and sponsors to meet the growing demand for programs and services. Clients have been brave enough to ask for help, but often cannot afford to pay the full service fee. Fundraisers like Melody Mayhem help make a difference. Mark Creedon, Acting Executive Director, called the evening a tremendous success. "We are grateful to everyone who made it possible, including our volunteers, board members, staff, donors and attendees. The proceeds from this event will make a great difference in helping us extend services to those in need."

Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, www.cfssc.ca

## At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre held its annual Christmas Dinner for members on Saturday, December 13 – an elegant luncheon that, this year, was catered by O'Malley's Catering, giving the kitchen volunteers the opportunity to doff their aprons, don their festive outfits, and sit down while others did the work.

There was musical entertainment, with Ian Evans on the piano, providing a background of Christmas favourites, and the Goldenaires Choir, singing seasonal songs. The event also saw the draw for the winners of the Quilt raffle. Congratulations to:

1st prize of a reversible quilt - Dianne Ditty  
2nd - Pine Quilt Rack - Lois Courts

3rd - Paper Tole picture - Connie Reynolds  
4th - No Frills \$25 gift card - Daisy Kiolef

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd. south of Bradford. For information on programs and events at the Centre, call 905-775-0612 – or visit the new website, danubeseniorcentre.webs.com

### Coming up:

The President and Executive of the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre will be holding a New Year's Eve on Thursday, January 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Centre. Drop in to chat, and enjoy free refreshments!

Photo: Welcome back to Sylvia Luxton - here, attending the Christmas Party with husband Trevor, after months of recovering from a fall, and broken leg.



**Merry Christmas!**

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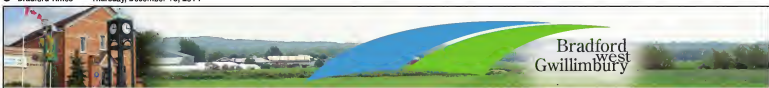
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**Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole** - Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

• Tues. Jan 20 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

## UPCOMING BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Library Board

• Mon. Jan 19 @ 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W

### Committee of Adjustment

• Wed. Jan 28 @ 6:30 p.m., Zima Room, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W

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### Winter

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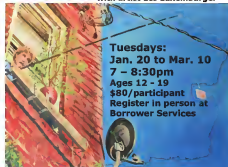
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RFT #: T-14-89C

Request for Tender

For

Line 6 & Walker Ave Reconstruction

Closing: 2:00:00 pm January 15, 2015

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

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RFQ #: Q-14-90C

Request for Quotation

For

Supply and Install Municipal Service Laterals and Associated Works at 128 Barrie Street

Closing: 2:00:00 pm January 15, 2015

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

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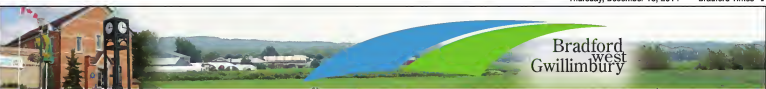
## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury would like to thank residents for your patience during the recent snowfall. The Town regrets any inconvenience caused by the long period required to plow residential roads, and is reviewing its resources and capacity to handle lengthy snow events. Here are a few ways you can help improve the Town's ability to clear snow:

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## NOTICES

## Notice of Public Meeting on a Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-Law Amendment

Pursuant to Sections 51(20) and 34(12) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Zima Room of the BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland Street West, Bradford** to consider a proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision application and amendment to Zoning By-law 2010-050. Please note that there may be more than one public meeting and that the matter will be dealt with in the order that it appears on the agenda.

**Owner:** Fernmark Homes Ltd.  
**Location:** 742 Simcoe Road  
**File No.:** S-13-07 and Z-13-06

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is in receipt of an application for approval of an 18 unit detached dwelling residential plan of subdivision. The lands included in the draft plan would be rezoned to implement standards for the proposed subdivision. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached. Additional information regarding the proposed plan of subdivision and proposed zoning by-law amendment is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Planning & Development Services Office located at 3541 Line 11, Bradford.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposal, invite public input, and answer questions regarding the applications.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed plan of subdivision and proposed zoning by-law amendment. Written submissions regarding the proposal can be made to Geoff McKnight, Director of Planning Development Services, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Office, 3541 Line 11, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, facsimile 905-778-4343, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1401 or email at gmcknight@townofbwg.com.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision and before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision and proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to Geoff McKnight at the address shown in the paragraph above.

Additional information regarding the proposal is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Planning & Development Services Office located at 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

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Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 18th day of December, 2014.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk

## Notice of Public Meeting on a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment

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**Owner:** Roger Sorensen  
**Location:** 4009 Sideroad 5  
**File No.:** Z-14-16

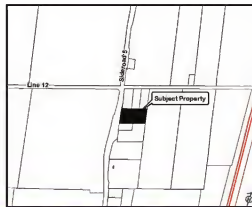
The applicant is seeking to rezone the subject lands to permit an accessory dwelling unit in an existing detached garage. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached. Additional information regarding the application may be made available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Planning & Development Services Office located at 3541 Line 11, Bradford.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposal, invite public input, and answer questions regarding the applications.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed zoning by-law amendment. Written submissions regarding the proposal can be made to Caroline Murphy, Planning Services Assistant, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Office, 3541 Line 11, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, facsimile 905-778-4343, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1402 or email at cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

If a person or public body does not make oral submission at the Public Meeting or make written submission to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the passing or refusal of the Zoning By-law amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board, and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

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Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 18th day of December, 2014.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk

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## Donation from Cabana

It's become a tradition at Cabana Tan boutique tanning salon, located at 157 Holland St. East in Bradford. Every year, the salon holds a food drive for the local Helping Hand Food Bank. This year, the Drive filled 5 boxes with non-perishable food items, to help those in need - just in time for Christmas. Here, from right, Bradford West Gwillimbury Deputy Mayor James Leduc, salon owner Jayne Contois, and husband Mark Contois, now BWC Councillor for Ward 6, help carry some of the donated items for delivery to the food bank.

Submitted Photo.

## Community support for Marco



Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

From right, benefit co-organizer Danny Viveiros welcomes Marco's father, John Fernandes, and brother-in-law Manuel Ferreira, to Bradford on December 13.



All of us join in wishing you

*A Happy Holiday Season and  
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Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council

How quickly a life can change. Seven months ago, Marco Fernandes was savagely assaulted outside of a downtown Bradford bar.

The assault put the 35 year old in hospital, in a coma. For his wife Adriana, and little boy Diego, the hospital bed quickly became the centre of their world. For seven months, they hoped and prayed for a recovery.

"We got a bit emotional this morning, when we found out he waved at his wife," says Christina Perdiz. She was speaking at a fundraising evening at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford, on December 13. "Making a Difference for Marco" was organized by the Portuguese community, to help support the family and Marco's long, long road to recovery. The event sold out.

There were some special guests at the evening. Marco's Dad, John Fernandes, and brother-in-law Manuel Ferreira flew in from Portugal to be by his side - and his mother will be arriving on December 22.

"Someone donated the ticket. We have no idea who did it," says Danny Viveiros, who helped organize the fundraiser.

He notes that Adriana was reluctant to accept any assistance. "We knew the family is in need, although she didn't ask, and didn't want," Viveiros says.

Organizers originally worried that they were holding the event too close to Christmas - but the community

stepped up, filling tables with home-made pastries and treats, donating gifts for the Silent Auction, and sponsoring the evening.

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## Winter Music!



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Students of Suzanne Grondin performed a Winter Benefit Concert, December 6.

Suzanne Grondin and her students held their annual Winter Recital and Benefit Concert, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, December 6. This year, the Concert was a benefit for Joey Mazzucco's Federa Foundation, which provides iPads and iPad Minis to kids battling cancer.

Young Joey Mazzucco attended the concert, thanking Grondin and the audience for their support.

"We raise money to buy iPads to give kids with cancer, in the hospital,"

he said. "I'm just blessed that you all came and you're supporting and helping me, and helping the children."

Joey, a cancer survivor himself, told the audience, "If I can make one child's life better, that's all I wish for."

The concert featured holiday-themed music and old favourites, in front of a capacity crowd - and raised nearly \$800

for the Federa Foundation.

Inset photo: Joey Mazzucco



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# South Simcoe Police Service faces "tough" budget in 2015

Since 2012, the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board has given South Simcoe Police "a mandate for cost containment." That led to cuts in the budget for policing, for the first time since the amalgamated police service was formed, and substantial surpluses at year end, in both 2012 and 2013 - "basically through attrition," said South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley.

But the surplus for 2014 is only estimated at \$32,000 - and the Service is looking at some major outlays in 2015.

One area of savings was a reduction in the number of command staff. "We felt it was important to dedicate those resources to front

line - put more boots on the ground," Beazley said. But a new strategy is needed to address upcoming retirements: a consultant found that 40% of front line officers, and 100% of command staff could retire by 2020.

"We have to anticipate that, moving forward," Chief Beazley told the December 15 meeting of the PSB, proposing a \$83,000 expenditure in 2015 to "pre-hire a number of people," and ensure they receive the police training required. He warned that, even with a succession strategy in place, "There is not growth addressed. This is just to keep us where we are now."

The Service is planning to hire a Deputy Chief of Police, and promote a Staff Sgt. to Inspector, in

time for the Pan American-Para Pan American Games next summer.

Other increases:

• **Provision of "enhanced security"** to the Bradford Provincial Courtsrooms, including \$27,973 to hire part-time Special Constables for court Security.

• **Implementation of the new NICHIC communications system** will add \$137,000 to the Operating Budget, "over and above what we are currently

paying" - but for the first time will connect the service digitally with other Police services in the province, allowing an exchange of information. Currently, South Simcoe Police have to telephone for information. "We're more part of the police universe with this," said Beazley; the new service also provides disaster recovery and back-up, and extensive IT support - "which we don't have right now."

• **Paying \$125,000 in banked hours** will reduce the Service's "unfunded liability," going forward.

• **Introducing the new DARE program** in schools will have an annual cost of \$11,000. DARE replaces the Values Influences Peers program.

• **Updating a Pay Equity study** has a one-time cost of \$20,000.

South Simcoe Police will continue to eliminate leases for vehicles, with a capital budget of over \$350,000 for fleet acquisition and purchase of "tangible capital assets" - and is also looking at upgrading the mobile work stations in vehicles; "refreshing" computer technology, and replacing tactical shields, shotguns currently carried in vehicles, and the roadside screening devices that are nearing the end of their lifespan, and are no longer supported by the manufacturer.

And there is \$15,000 in the budget for the acquisition of an Automatic Licence Plate Reader - which can scan plates, and using a Ministry of Transportation database, identify suspended and disqualified drivers,

and drivers with no insurance. In a one-month test back in 2001, 172 charges were laid - with 40% of fine revenues returned to the Municipality.

"Our main concern is public safety. We are stopping more and more suspended and disqualified drivers," Chief Beazley said. "It's out there. We know we could pick up a lot of high risk drivers."

Beazley called the 2015 draft budget a long list of "needs, not wishes." He added, "We knew that 2015 was going to be a tough year, but I think that once we provide some comfort to Councils and our Board... cost containment will continue."

There were only two areas of expenditures that were questioned by Board members. One was the \$90,000 bill, for Bell's "next generation" 911, that takes and stores text messages and video. Vice Chair Rod Hicks wondered where the current 911 access fee, charged to all phone users, has been going - and why the Police Service is paying the bill, if the contract for the new 911 service was signed by the municipalities.

"We brought that to the attention of the Board," agreed Chief Beazley. "That's a half-percent on our budget."

"The Town Staff rationale is it's related to policing, so they want it in the Police Budget," replied Chair Sharon Villani.

And New Member Rob Keffner wanted to know why the fuel budget was unchanged at \$270,000, although gas prices have plummeted. "We should be realizing some savings," he said. "We're responsible to the taxpayers... I don't want to ask for more than what the taxpayer has to pay. Let's be as accurate as we can be."

"That might be something we could look at," acknowledged Beazley. The budgets will be presented to Innisfil and BWG Councils in January. Photo: BWG Mayor Rob Keffner is sworn in at the Police Services Board.



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## Intention to demolish

### DEMOLISH from Page 1

for those of you who, during the election debates," spoke in favour of heritage preservation, to "stand by those declarations," added Max Papillon.

When the issue came up on the Agenda, Councillor Mark Contois pointed out that the home was the former Collings residence – early residents of the Town, who donated 25 acres to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. He added, "It is over 120 years old. It would be a shame to lose it."

Council voted to ask Staff for a report and recommendation at the next Council meeting, January 20. Under the Heritage Act, there is a 60 day waiting period for any home on the Heritage Registry, once a notice of demolition has been filed. During that time, the Municipality can decide whether or not to designate the building as a Heritage property, preserving it.

Director of Planning, Geoff McKnight noted that the January meeting "is within that 60 days." The Town has already brought in a consulting architect to evaluate the building, he said – and the review "recommends designation."



## Festive Season R.I.D.E. Program continues

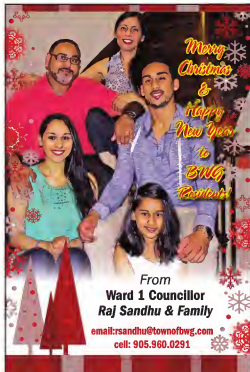
RIDE officers set up a checkpoint on Big Bay Point Rd. in Innisfil, during the evening of Dec. 10. In less than 3 hours, officers stopped 70 vehicles, and nabbed 6 drivers who had been drinking and driving. Two were arrested for Impaired, and 4 WARN-range licence suspensions were issued.

Facing charges of Impaired and Over .080 are a 45 year old Innisfil male, and a 29 year old Barrie woman. Both have received a 90 day administrative licence suspension, had their vehicles impounded, and face a court date in January.

On Dec. 11, officers set up a RIDE check on the 7<sup>th</sup> Line of Innisfil. At about 10:30 p.m., a vehicle was stopped, and the driver was asked to provide a roadside breath sample. The test resulted in a FAIL. The 43 year old Innisfil man was arrested and returned to the North Division station for further breath testing. He was subsequently charged with Over .080, his licence suspended for 30 days, his vehicle impounded, and he was released with a court date in January. And at 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 12, a checkpoint on the 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad in Innisfil stopped a 34 year old Innisfil male who was found to be under 5 separate driving prohibitions, including one for Impaired Driving. The man has been charged with Drive Disqualified, and Drive Under Suspension; his vehicle was impounded, and he will be facing a Judge in January.

And on Dec. 12, Police stopped 680 vehicles in BWG and Innisfil, administered 21 roadside tests resulting in 5 roadside suspensions and vehicles impounded; and two drivers charged with Over 0.080. Two other drivers were arrested and charged for Criminal drug possession, and 2 drivers under the age of 21 were found to have a blood alcohol concentrations above 0.0. Several charges of Open Liquor were also laid.

At the end of Week 2 of the campaign, Police had stopped 2,647 drivers to date, charged 11 drivers with drinking and driving-related offences, and issued Warn-range suspensions for another 25 drivers. Ten persons were found to be in Possession of a Controlled Substance.



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## Students Write for Rights



Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Students participate in a letter-writing campaign at Bradford District High School, taking over the library in shifts to write and tweet on current human rights issues. Every time a letter was addressed and sealed, there was applause - and a bell rang. The bell rang a total of 571 times.

Bradford District High School students undertook a letter-writing campaign, on behalf of Amnesty International, on December 10 - participating in the "Write for Rights" event.

There were 10 cases for the students to choose from, some global in scope, some dealing with local issues - including the lack of services on First Nations Reserves, and the

"Stolen Sisters" campaign for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

They could pick a subject that "resonates" with them, said Karen Stewart, co-organizer of the BDHS

campaign, with teacher Ashley Hillier, pointing out that one-third of all Amnesty International cases "are resolved through the letter-writing." Classes took turns in the school library, learning more about their topics, and either participating in a social media campaign, by sending out tweets, or writing a letter to be posted.

The Stolen Sisters issue was one that attracted the most attention among the students. "It's fighting for fairness and the women who don't get what they deserve," said one student. "For justice."

"I'm frustrated that the indigenous women are suffering. Something should be done about it," said another, as she sealed a letter addressed to Prime Minister Harper.

The goal of organizers was to collect

500 hand-written letters at the high school. Stewart noted that while letters to the Prime Minister do not require a stamp, letters to India, for example - written to get the victims of the Bhopal chemical poisoning the compensation they were promised 30 years ago - will cost \$2.85 each.

To help cover the cost, the organizers raised about \$230 through bake sales and other fundraisers, which Stewart

admitted "will not cover the cost." But it's been an important exercise. "The kids are invested. It's very real... The impact of one letter to change a life for someone who has been persecuted, or ignored as the people of Bhopal have been for 30

years," Stewart said.

"It's not always easy to get kids involved," but Write for Rights has sparked interest, and passion. "We're hoping as a school to make a big, loud splash."

The target was 500 letters; by the end of the day, the organizers had collected 571 letters.

The school is still hoping for donations from the community to help cover the cost of postage. Anyone wishing to contribute, and help students have their voices heard, should contact Karen Stewart at BDHS, 905-775-2262.

Above, Teacher Karen Stewart, right, mails letters to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, regarding Stolen Sisters missing and murdered aboriginal women. Submitted photo.

## Open Mic at the Library tonight

Calling all musicians and singers. There will be another Acoustic Open Mic in the Zima Room at the Bradford Public Library, Thursday, December 18. Perform 1 to 3 songs, in a 10 minute time slot. Sign in at 7 p.m.; Open Mic begins at 7:15 p.m., to 9 p.m. Refreshments available.



## @ Bradford Library



On display until mid-January: **Fairy Happenings**, by Corrine Donnelly - including the Fairy Doors returned to the library from around the community (in photo).

Free Holiday Movie at the Library - on Monday, December 22 at 2 p.m. in the Zima Room, see the animated feature, **Arthur Christmas**.

The Friends of the BWG Public Library **Fall Book Sale**, November 14-16, raised approximately \$3,300 for children's programs, author visits and other activities at the library. The next book sale will take place in March 2015; donations of good quality paperback and hardback books can be dropped off at Borrower Services. Please - no textbooks, mouldy volumes or Reader's Digest Condensed Books!

The Gingerbread House Make & Take at the Bradford Ontario Early Years Centre satellite has become a beloved Christmas tradition. Kids, with help from

Mom, Dad or a caregiver, put together Graham Crackers, using icing, and decorated their houses with candy canes, gumdrops, Fruit Loops, marshmallows and other candy treats. And if more of the decorations end up being eaten on the spot than stuck to the roof, it's all in keeping with the Holiday spirit.

The Ontario Early Years Centre-Bradford Satellite, located in the BWG Child & Family Services Building at 118 Barrie St., offers free programs and parenting resources to families with pre-schoolers. For information, please see [www.simcoe.com/municipal/services.ca](http://www.simcoe.com/municipal/services.ca) and click on the Preschool Services



button, or call 905-775-3039 ext. 229. **Note: The Centre will be closed for the Holidays, starting December 20 - reopening on January 5.**

**Life with Baby** - a 10 week program for first-time parents and their babies under 1 months of age, begins Tuesday, January 13 at 1:30 p.m. Pre-register. **How To Talk So Kids Will Listen - And Listen So Kids Will Talk.** A 6 week program held in partnership with the BWG Public Library, in the Zima Room, in Jan. Please pre-register. Child Care will not be available. **Little Chefs in the Kitchen**, every Saturday morning beginning January

10, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. A 4-week program that includes a story, craft and snack. Pre-register.

**Grandparents Parenting Again Support Group** meets every Monday at the Centre, from 1 to 3 p.m. - a warm, supportive environment for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren.



from Page 1 in the Lord always!" The worship service marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent. Photo: Little member of the Cherub Choir, dressed as a cow for the Manger scene, at St. John's Presbyterian Church.

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# Birds for Christmas!

By Peter Wukasch

Having made Bradford our "habitat" for 30 years, my family has seen many changes in our town, as I'm sure most of us have.

Being the student of nature that I am, I have also seen significant differences in the fauna of Bradford, from when I first came here. This is reflected in the arrival of "new" species from the south, such as the Virginia Opossum and Red-bellied Woodpecker, and the appearance of "northern" species such as the Raven.

Of course, the habitats have been altered dramatically over those years, with the expansion of housing and commercial development, and the ongoing changes to the canal.

Who knew that the pond at Summerlyn Village would become a magnet for scores of waterfowl, muskrats and other aquatic creatures. Just this last week, my bird list for the Town of Bradford reached 194 species, with the sighting of a Ross' Goose at Summerlyn Pond. This bird, named after George Ross, the Arctic explorer, at one time would have wintered

almost exclusively in the central plains and in California's river valleys, but now has been found to breed and migrate in small numbers in Ontario.

Hopefully, our town will continue to value natural spaces as it expands, and remembers to protect habitats that are a vital part of our environment. The preservation of the mature forest at Alan Kuzmich Memorial Park, with its array of Spring wildflowers amidst a growing housing development, is a good example of how natural features can be incorporated into an urban setting.

Just a reminder that December 28, we will be conducting our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the York-Simcoe Naturalists' Club. If you have bird feeders, we are hoping they will be full and busy with bird visitors that day. Quite a few of you report to us each year about the species you have coming to your feeding stations, and this is an important contribution to our results. Thanks for your participation!

For information, see [YorkSimcoeNaturalists](#) on Facebook.

## A Christmas Bird Count for Kids at Tiffin Centre

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority hosts its second annual Christmas Bird Count for Kids on January 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 - 8<sup>th</sup> Line of Essa. The Count begins with a mini-workshop on bird identification. Birders with the Bretonfield Naturalists will then guide families on a bird count hike through the forests of Tiffin. The data collected will be submitted to Bird Studies Canada, and included in the national Christmas Bird Count for Kids database.

Please pre-register by December 30, at [www.nvca.on.ca](#) and click on Education & Education. Parental supervision required for young children. A \$5 registration fee per child includes entrance to the Conservation Area, and hot chocolate for kids and accompanying adults.



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# Tree-Decorating 101!

Call it "Tree-Decorating 101."

Jennifer Ferragine, Creative Director at Bradford Greenhouses for the last 17 years, offers tips on tree-decorating, based on her own experience: she decorates between 50 and 100 trees each year, including all of the trees on display at the Greenhouses' retail centres, with help from her team.

**Step 1 - Lighting the tree.** Pre-lit artificial trees now make up 95% of the trees sold at Bradford Greenhouses. "If your tree is not pre-lit, the average is 50 lights per foot of tree," she says. "By that rule-of-thumb, a 7' tree will require approximately 350 lights."

She urges homeowners to check the lights before going any further, and replace any burnt-out bulbs. If more than 5 lights are burnt out on a string, "you'll blow the strand!" she warns.

**Step 2 - Ribbon.** Use a wired ribbon to encircle the tree, in a spiral. If the tree is artificial, bend a branch to hold the ribbon in place at your starting point. If it's a live tree, use wire to fasten the ribbon. "Every now and then, take a couple of steps back, and take a look," to ensure that the ribbon is balanced.

**Step 3 - Ornaments.** For a formal look, use only a few different types of ornaments, in a chosen colour scheme - like red and gold, or gold and silver.

Start with the largest ornaments and place on the tree following a diamond pattern. Tuck the hooks far back into the tree so they are hidden, and it is the ornament itself that is visible.

Once the largest balls are in place, hang the next-largest - again, following a diamond pattern. Using a variety of sizes and textures helps create interest, and impact. "When you use all the same small balls on the tree, you don't have the same regal effect," says Ferragine, recommending that homeowners splurge, and buy at least some extra-large balls for the tree, all in a single colour.

**Step 4 - Floral picks.** Add gilded berries, super-sized Poinsettias and the like, between the decorative balls - again following a diamond pattern, to ensure balance.

"Once you've done all your balls and your picks, you're going to add all your fancy stuff on the outer branches" - like icicles, and glittering drops. Again, says Ferragine, follow a diamond

pattern, to make sure the design is balanced.

**Step 5 - Topping the tree.** "A lot of people still do their angels, or stars," she says - but there is a growing trend to use fancy floral picks at the top of the tree - or wired leaves, looped to create a "bow-tie" effect, and fastened with florist's wire.

Another new favourite is a bow, made from a 10 yard bolt of ribbon. "It needs to be a well-wired ribbon," Ferragine warns, or the bow will fall flat. It's simply a matter of looping the ribbon - making a half-turn

each time, if the ribbon is one-sided - until there are 7 loops on each side. Tie with thin, green floral wire, pull tight, then reshape to open up the bow before wiring it securely to the tree, about 9" below the top.

"How simple it is," she says, pointing to the finished tree. "We have only 6-7 different ornaments on here, and 3 or 4 picks, and it gives you a formal look."

Ferragine and her team took about 5 days to decorate the 23 trees on display at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery.

Asked about her own tree, Ferragine says she has two trees - a 10' tree upstairs decorated only with about 300 balls. "It's very simple. It doesn't have any flowers, it doesn't have anything on it" - and a "sports tree" downstairs in the family room.

Topped with her grandfather's 80 year old skis, the tree is decorated with old hockey skates, sports memorabilia and the like.

"It's pretty interesting," she says - and proof that anything goes!

Photo: Jennifer Ferragine demonstrates Tree-Decorating, at the Bond Head Horticultural Society's November 27 meeting.





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Tree farms also provide habitat for wildlife.

Choosing a live tree, whether pre-cut or cut-your-own, can provide a great Christmas outing for the whole family.

**Fraser's Gardens and Market**, 3206 County Rd. 27 (just north of Bond Head) - offers 8 varieties of Christmas trees, including Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Scotch Pine and Colorado Blue Spruce, starting at \$15. Buy a tree, and a portion of the sale price will be used to plant trees in Africa, as part of a reforestation project. Open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays, 9 to 5. Also, wreaths, garland and poinsettias!

**Drysdale's Christmas Experience** - cut your own trees, or purchase a perfect pre-cut tree. On weekends, enjoy the activities at Santa's village, including an opportunity to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, ride a train or a horse-drawn wagon, watch a Magician, and have your face painted, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cut-your-own tree operation is open daily from 10 to 4, on the farm's 400 acres. Located at 6635 Simcoe County Rd. 56; see [drysdale.ca](http://drysdale.ca) for information.

**The Thornton Lions Club** holds its annual sale of Christmas Trees in the plaza at Inliss Beach Rd. and County Rd. 27, in Thornton. Trees are available for reasonable rates - and sales support Lions' projects.

## Help Plan Scanlon

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has now released the draft of its new Management Plan for Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, based on input received from the public earlier this year. The 2015 Draft Plan proposes:

- Upgrades to the Scanlon Arboretum, already underway.
- A new boardwalk through the restored wetland.
- Expansion of the handicapped-accessible trail.
- An updated trail map, with additional detail, interpretive signage and self-guided trail opportunities.
- More opportunities for volunteers to get involved.

The draft Management Plan is posted at [www.LSRCA.on.ca/PlanScanlon](http://www.LSRCA.on.ca/PlanScanlon), and will be available for review until December 31. Comments can be submitted to Kate Little, Land Management Technician at [k.little@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:k.little@lsrca.on.ca) or 905-895-1281 ex. 527.



IODE stood for "Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire" when the organization was established in 1900 by Margaret Polson Murray, to promote patriotism and support the troops during the Boer War.

Since the 1970s, it has been just "IODE" - a women's organization, open to all, that focuses on issues of literacy, education, children and citizenship, and raises funds for a wide range of charitable causes.

The West Gwillimbury Chapter celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, providing support for local groups, libraries, and 'adopting' a school in Nain, Labrador. One of the Chapter's traditions is the presentation of gifts to the residents at Bradford Valley Long Term Care Centre.

"We started this years ago, because we didn't want to give gifts to each other," explains Chris Bateman, West Gwillimbury Chapter member, and Past National President of IODE Canada. The small personal gifts help brighten the holiday season for the residents at Bradford Valley.

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## MEETINGS

**SOUL SURVIVORS:** A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. for cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

**COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR CHILDREN (CAPC) PROGRAM NEW DATE:** The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) is held Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, Bradford Satellite, 118 Barrie St. For more information, call the CAPC Office at 905-775-1498.

**AL-ANON:** Meets Wednesdays 8 p.m. Holy Marys of January Church basement, 167 Essex St. in Bradford. For

information, www.al-anon.alston.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-444-ANON.

**SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS:** Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

**WEEKLY BINGO:** Inisfit Lions Club has a weekly BINGO, Mondays 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. BINGO begins, at the Lions Hall on Inisfit Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

**HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS:** Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.ca

**BWG COMMUNITY MEAL:** BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

**ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH:** 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fundraising perogies and cabbage rolls served every Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info call the church 905-551-1651.

**WRITERS' CIRCLE:** BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the new Bradford Library, 425 Hrd St. W. All Writers welcomed. SUPPORT FOR DEPRES-

**SION:** Support group meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in a safe, non-judgmental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

**GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN:** Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St. 1 to 3 p.m. Childcare available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 the Friday before.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marj 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email Mterrance@chats.on.ca

## SAT., DEC. 20

**UKRAINIAN PEROGY LUNCH:** St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, hosts a Perogy Lunch, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Potato and Chicken Perogies, Sausage, Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee, \$10-\$14.

eat-in or take-out. Tickets at City Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, face-painting, food vendors, live performances - and two fireworks displays, at 7:45 p.m. for the weekend, and midnight to welcome the New Year.

## SUN., DEC. 21

**LIVE OUTDOOR NATIVITY AT FAIRY LAKE PARK:** The Town of Newmarket and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints present this Outdoor Nativity, featuring live animals, at 7 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 21-23, and 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. Admission is free. Dress for the weather!

## TUES., DEC. 23

**EXTREME GINGERBREAD AT THE STROUD LIBRARY:** The Inisfit Public Library presents an Extreme Fun at the Stroud Branch, 1:30 p.m.

## FRI., DEC. 26

**FREE BOXING DAY DINNER:** Bradford United Church, businessman Munwar Chudary and the new charity, host a free Dinner at Bradford United Church, 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the joy of the festive season, in co-operation with BWG Community Initiatives. All Community Initiatives. At the Community, 66 Barrie St. For information call 905-775-5335 or newkeenan@gmail.com

## TUES., DEC. 30

**HOLIDAY BLOOD DONOR CLINIC:** Canadian Blood Services is holding a Blood Donor Clinic at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 SR in Bradford, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Book an appointment at www.blood.ca or 1-888-2-DONATE.

## WEDS., DEC. 31

**TIM HORTONS FIRST NIGHT IN BWG:** The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury hosts First Night Celebrations at the BWG Leisure Centre, 6 to 9 p.m. Includes Leisure Swim, Leisure Skates, balloon animals, bounce castles, hot chocolate and live entertainment, until 8:30 p.m. indoors - then the action moves outside, where David Cavan Fraser and Special K entertain, followed by fireworks!

**17TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN COUNTRY-OWN BARRIE:** Outside the Barrie City Hall, on Collier St., from 7 to midnight. Free skating at the City

of City Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, face-painting, food vendors, live performances - and two fireworks displays, at 7:45 p.m. for the weekend, and midnight to welcome the New Year.

**TIM HORTONS FIRST NIGHT AT THE MAGNA CENTRE IN NEWMARKET:** From 5 to 9 p.m., enjoy free skating and swimming, entertainment, children's activities and crafts, horse-drawn wagon rides, rides on the Tim Hortons Express Train - finishing up with fireworks at 9 p.m. The Centre is located at 800 Mulock Dr. in Newmarket.

## THURS., JAN. 1

**DANUBE SENIORS LEISURE CENTRE NEW YEAR'S EVE:** The president and executive of the Danube Centre host a Levee at 715 Simcoe Rd., from 1 to 3 p.m. on January 1. Free refreshments.

**NEW YEAR'S DANCE WITH INNSFILL COUNCIL:** The Mayor and Council of the Town of Inisfit invite the community to a free skate at the Inisfit Recreation Complex, 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 1.

**LEFROY-BELLE EARTH LEAGION NEW YEAR'S EVE:** The President and Executive of the Lefroy-Belle Earth Legion invites the community to a New Year's Eve. 2 to 5 p.m. Includes a luncheon of Beef on a Bun, Chili, Colelaw and Refreshments. All welcome.

## CAPC Programs

The CAPC Program for pregnant and parenting Youth up to the age of 25, will be closed for 2 weeks, starting December 22. The program reopens on Thursday, January 8. The Mother Care/Next Step Program for pregnant and parenting Women with children up to 24 months old will be closed for 2 weeks, starting December 19 and reopening on Wednesday, January 7.

Both programs are held at 118 Barrie St., at the Bradford Satellite of the Ontario Early Years Centre. For more information, call 905-775-1498. All programs are free, and confidential.

## PLACES OF WORSHIP

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**Newton Robinson United Church**  
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**Bond Head United Church**  
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**Trinity Anglican Church**  
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info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

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Rev. Richard Bodini  
905-775-7291  
E: hollandmarshcra@rpgs.com

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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905-775-3412  
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**Holy Marys of January Catholic Church**  
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**Bradford United Church**  
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**The Baha'i World Faith**  
905-551-2219  
www.Baha'is.org

**Bradford Community Church**  
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905-775-0008, located on the S.E. corner of  
Hwy #11 & Conz. Rv.

**Rivderide Bible Chapel**  
905-836-1798  
#20246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)  
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7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

**Greater Life Church in the Library**  
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**Bond Head and Newton Robinson United Churches**

Sun., Dec. 21

Christmas Sunday, Communion, 9:30 am to 11:30 am at B1

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:**  
Family Christmas Service, Bond Head United Church, 5:00 p.m.  
Candlelight and Carols, Bond Head United Church, 7:00 p.m.

May Christ be born anew in your hearts and in your lives this Holy Season. Merry Christmas!



# Christmas Services & celebrations

Sunday, December 21, the community is invited to Trinity Anglican Church's **Lessons and Carols Service, and Christmas Pageant**, at 7 p.m. Light refreshments to follow. Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford.

December 24 **Christmas Eve Service** at Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford: Family Christmas Eve Eucharist at 7 p.m., Traditional Choral Christmas Eve Mass at 11 p.m. On December 25, the Church will hold Holy Communion, with carols and music, at 10:30 a.m.

Bradford United Church hosts its **Family Christmas Eve Service** at 6 p.m. on December 24, and its **Candle Light Communion Service** at 8 p.m. All welcome. There will be special music, and a special story for children. For more information, call 905-751-5335.

Bond Head & Newton Robinson United Church hosts **Christmas Sunday Communion**, 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 21 in Newton Robinson, 11 a.m. in Bond Head. **Family Christmas Eve Service** will take place on Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., with Candlelight and Carols at 7 p.m., both at the Bond Head United Church.

The Town of Newmarket and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints once again presents a **Live Nativity Pageant** at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket - out of doors! This special event features live animals, in this retelling of the Christmas Story. December 21 to 23 at both 7 and 8 p.m., and on December 24 at 7 p.m. only. Remember to dress for the weather - seating is first come, first served.

Bradford Baptist Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, with music and drama focussing on the Birth of Jesus. December 24, from 6 to 7 p.m. at 3224 Sideroad 10 in Bradford.

Bradford Community Church Christmas Eve Family Service, 7 p.m. on Dec. 24, at 2465 - 9th Line.

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church, 167 Esna Rd., invites Parishioners to bring a red Poinsettia to Church, December 22 and 23, labelled with the name of a loved one. Christmas Eve masses at 6 and 8 p.m., Spanish Mass at 9:30 p.m., Midnight Mass, **Christmas Day**, 10 & 11:30 a.m.

## Perogies!



St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Sincme Rd. in Bradford, is holding another fundraising perogie meal - this time, a Luncheon! On Saturday, December 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., drop by the church to enjoy Potato and Cheddar Perogies, Sausage, Salad, dessert, tea or coffee, \$10 for a "Small" lunch, \$12 for "Regular", \$14 for "Large." Eat in, or take out! Side dishes are also available for a nominal price - Sausage, traditional Borscht, cabbage rolls! All welcome!

## A Boxing Day Dinner!

Last year, a new tradition began in Bradford - a wonderful Christmas Dinner, offered free of charge. The event was made possible by local businessman Munavar Chudary, the Bradford United Church, and the local Ahmadiyya Muslim Community organizations, Humanity First Canada and Run for Bradford.

Chudary has taken the initiative again this year, partnering with Bradford United Church and the BWG Community Initiatives to serve a **Boxing Day Dinner** on Friday, December 26 at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. at 5:30 p.m. Chudary has launched a new charity - **We Are the Community** - a group of community volunteers who are thankful for what they have, and love to share their blessings. The motto of **We Are the Community** is "Show You Care with Acts of Kindness."

The volunteers will not only serve up a special meal to all looking for food and fellowship, they'll be giving the dedicated volunteers of the BWG Community Meal, a day off!

All are welcome to come, bring a friend, and be part of this expression of joy and generosity. For more information, contact Rev. Jim Keenan at 904-751-5335 or [revkeenan@gmail.com](mailto:revkeenan@gmail.com)

## Giving back, to the food bank



Miriam King, Bradford Times

The York Simcoe Branch of the Ontario Plumbing Inspectors' Association meets weekly in Bradford. As a thank-you to the Town for hosting the meetings, the 20 or so members decided to "give back" to the community, by donating to the local food bank.

On Dec. 10, Inspector Andrew Quattrociocchi presented Helping Hand Food Bank president Anne Silvey with several bags of non-perishable food, and a cheque for \$60. "We sat down and discussed it. We wanted to do something to give back," Quattrociocchi says. The Helping Hand Food Bank, 123 Moore St. in Bradford, is open Mon. and Weds. from 1 to 2 p.m., and Fridays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Note: Volunteers will be distributing Christmas Hampers and Toys, Dec. 19 at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church's Parish Hall, 6 to 8 p.m., for all who registered.

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# Sports

## BWG Rep Team results

### ATOM REP

Dec. 5, Bradford "A" Don Cherry's Rep Hockey Team - 4, Goulding Park - 1. Goals by Tanner Hueglin, Davis Frederick, Nathan Pare and Anthony Nascento, on assists from Frederick, Matthew Boughner, Jeremiah Oake and Isalah Drummond.

Dec. 9, Newmarket - 4, Bradford Don Cherry's - 2. Scoring by Nathan Pare from Tanner Hueglin and Evan Drummond; and Matthew Boughner from Luis Faria and Darcy Mott.

Dec. 13, East Gwillimbury - 5, Bradford Don Cherry's - 2. Goals by Luis Faria from Anthony Nascento and Matthew Boughner; and Tanner Hueglin, unassisted.

Dec. 14, Bradford Don Cherry's - 4, East Gwillimbury - 3. Goals by Tanner Hueglin with 2, singles by Anthony Nascento and Davis Frederick. Assists to Isalah Drummond, Darcy Mott (3), Christian Campoll, and Evan Drummond (2). Fantastic goaltending by Matthew Amaral.

## Bradford Atom Selects in action

Dec. 12, Bradford Cortale Haulage Recycling & Disposal - 6, East Gwillimbury - 2. Markers by Matthew Svirac with a hat trick (unassisted); singles by Kaden Reinhardt from Jacob Sim, Sim unassisted, and Frank Pirritano from Kaleb Christophersen. Great goaltending by Owen Dale.

Dec. 14, Beeton AE - 5, Bradford Cortale Haulage - 4. Goals by Kyle Lomas from Alex Semiao; unassisted markers by Matthew Svirac, Frank Pirritano, and Semiao. Super netminding by Owen Dale, player of the game.

### Commemorative Park Bench

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Bradford Local League Peeewe #2 won Silver in a Dorchester Tournament, Nov. 28-30.

## Peeewe #2 win Tourney Silver

Bradford Peeewe #2 Local League Team won Silver at the Dorchester Tournament, Nov. 28-30.

Game 1, Bradford #2 - 5, Barrie Colts - 3. All five goals by Tyler Ferramenta, on assists from Gianmarco Ruccia, Thomas Gist, Matthew Frolo and Clayton Szram, who was rock solid in net.

Game 2, Bradford #2 - 7, Millbrook - 0. Gianmarco Ruccia scored 5 times - one unassisted; singles to Kyle MacLean and Shawn Bezerra. Helpers to Melissa Brinkos, Tyler Ferramenta (4), Jakob Lizzi, Matthew Frolo, Thomas Gist, Nicola Giglio. Shutout to Aiden Morby.

Game 3, Kent - 6, Bradford #2 - 1. Lone goal by

Gianmarco Ruccia from Tyler Ferramenta and Thomas Gist.

**Semi-Final**, Nov. 30, Bradford #2 - 3, Barrie Kings - 2. All 3 goals by Tyler Ferramenta, from Gianmarco Ruccia, Shawn Bezerra and Matthew Frolo (2). **Championship Final**, Barrie Colts Selected - 4, Bradford #2 - 0. A great performance in a great tourney, with the team fighting hard to make it to the Championship.

## Peeewe #2 in Local League action

### PEEWE LL

Nov. 8, Bradford Peeewe #2 - 3, Schomberg - 2. Goals by Shawn Bezerra from Jakob Lizzi; Gianmarco Ruccia from Bezerra and Tyler Ferramenta; and Ferramenta, unassisted.

Nov. 15, Oak Ridges #2 - 3, Bradford #2 - 2. Scoring by Kyle MacLean from Shawn Bezerra and Jaime Wade;

and Gianmarco Ruccia from Melissa Brinkos.

Nov. 16, Innisfil - 3, Bradford #2 - 1. Lone goal by Kyle MacLean from Shayne Smith and Melissa Brinkos.

Nov. 20, Bradford #2 - 7, Bradford #3 - 0. Bradford #2 goals by Tyler Ferramenta with 5 (one unassisted); singles by Kyle MacLean and Jaime Wade. Assists to Gianmarco Ruccia (3), Ian Neill, Nicola Giglio, Matthew Frolo, Shawn Bezerra and Melissa Brinkos. Shutout to Clayton Szram.

Nov. 23, Bradford #2 - 4, Bradford #3 - 3. No. 2 scoring by Tyler Ferramenta with a pair, from Ian Neill, Melissa Brinkos, Gianmarco Ruccia; Ruccia from Ferramenta and Jaime Wade; and Colin Whitefield from Ferramenta and Brinkos. Great netminding by Aiden Morby.

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**Tim Hortons First Night** celebration at Newmarket's Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive, from 5 to 9 p.m. on December 31. Free skating and swimming, live entertainment, children's activities, horse-drawn wagon rides and the Tim Hortons Train - ending with fireworks at 9 p.m.

Innisfil Community Events Corporation hosts its annual **New Year's Eve Family Skate** at the Innisfil Recreation Complex on December 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. - with food, skating, draws, prizes and a spectacular fireworks Display at 7 p.m., in the South Parking lot.

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**Obituaries**

**BARRON, Carol** — Peacefully passed away at Victoria Village Manor, Barrie on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Caroline Barron (nee Roth) formerly of Bradford at 97 years of age. Beloved wife of late Norman Barron. Loving mother of Linda (Murray) Graham and Darlene (Gord) Johnston. Cherished grandmother of Kurtis (Shauna-Lee), Kevin (Lisa), Jamieson (Brosnan) and Gina (Paul). Proud great grandmother of Campbell, Tait, Katelyn, Andrew, Evan, Kinsley, Espen, Owen and Evelyn. Friends called at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford for visitation on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 from 10 a.m. until the time of a funeral service held in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Interment Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Bradford. In Carol's memory, donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

**Obituaries**

**HAMBLY, Milton** — Peacefully passed away at Southlake Residential Care Village, Newmarket on Friday, December 12, 2014. Milton Hambly of Bradford in has 100th year. Beloved husband of late Isobel Hambly (nee Kneeshaw). Proud son of late Weston and late Isabella Hambly. Dear brother of late Amelia (late Bob) Leonard. Survived by his sister-in-law Frances Kneeshaw. Milton will be lovingly remembered by his cousins, nieces and nephews and their families. Friends called at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford for visitation, Funeral service was held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 11 a.m. Interment St. Paul's Cemetery, Coulson's Hill. In Milton's memory, donations may be made to Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation or to the charity of your choice.

**In Memoriam**

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# Focus on Business

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**Cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening of Metro King Realty - owner/Broker of Record Ifkhar Ahmad and Mayor Rob Kaffer cut the ribbon, joined by dignitaries, including MP for York Simcoe Peter Van Loan, Councillors, representatives of the Bradford Board of Trade, family members and business partners, on December 14.**

Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

On December 14, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Kaffer and members of Council welcomed "a new business to Town" - Metro King Realty Inc. The offices are located at 113 Holland St. West - Mayor Kaffer's former campaign office, "right in the middle of Town," noted the Mayor.

The goal of the new realty company is to provide "One Stop Shopping for all real estate needs, including Mortgage services, Lawyer services, Insurance services and home inspection, all under one roof, by experienced, seasoned professionals," said Broker of Record, Ifkhar Ahmad.

The company has more than 5 years of providing integrated services to the Real Estate sector, but this is the first time the concept has been brought to Bradford, partnering with TMG Ontario Canada Mortgages, lawyer Harpreet Singh Khurana of Khurana Law Firm, Gerald Horace of Ideal Home Inspections, and Sun Life Financial Advisor Adalfo Gafar.

MP for York-Simcoe, the Hon. Peter Van Loan also congratulated Ahmad and his team. "This is obviously a great place to be doing real estate, because not only is there

a lot of growth.... This is a place where people want to be." Ahmad, a resident of Bradford for the past two years, noted that Town has seen rapid growth of both the commercial and residential markets, attracting new buyers from as far away as Richmond Hill, Markham and Brampton.

"I'm really happy that, in our small town, I've done a lot of business," he said, adding that he is pleased to be bringing his "one stop shopping approach" to Town. "It's really a new conception in Bradford."

For more information, contact Ifkhar Ahmad, Broker of Record/Owner at 416-671-3861, [www.metrokingrealty.com](http://www.metrokingrealty.com)



**At left, MP Peter Van Loan presents congratulations to Broker Ifkhar Ahmad. Above left, Ifkhar Ahmad is congratulated by Mayor Rob Kaffer and, in background, Councillor Raj Sandhu, Deputy Mayor James Leduc, and Councillor Gary Baynes.**

## Victoriana in Cookstown



The Cookstown Antique Market has celebrated a "Victorian Christmas" on the first weekend in December for 23 years.

It's an opportunity for owners Jerry and Sally Robinson and their staff to get into the Christmas spirit - dressing up in Victorian garb, setting out treats and apple cider, and welcoming the public to the antique bazaar, offering 10% off the items sold by 35 antique dealers, and housed in the 6000 sq. ft. space.

Two 10' tall Christmas trees, decorated top to bottom with new and vintage decorations - all of which are for sale - welcomed shoppers, along with a dancing, singing Santa Claus, whose performance was triggered by every passerby.

And visitors were asked to share the holiday spirit, by

donating a new, unwrapped toy or cash to the Salvation Army's Christmas campaign.

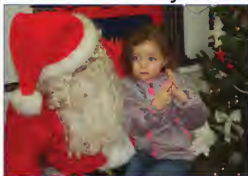
The Victorian theme continued on December 9, when the Cookstown Antique Market hosted Ladies from Stroud and members of the Irish Claddagh Club of Barrie & Area, for a Victorian Afternoon Tea.

The guests brought their own scones and treats; the Robinsons provided the fine china, tea and ambience, for a delightful afternoon of tea and antiques.

Any group interested in holding High Tea at the Antique Market can contact Sally Robinson at 705-458-1274.

**Photo: Sally Robinson serves tea to the Irish Claddagh Club, at the Cookstown Antique Market on December 9.**

## Santa at the Honey House



Dickey Bee Honey held its 8th Annual Christmas Open House last weekend - this year, at its new "Honey House" on the 13th Line of Innisfil, near Cookstown. Visitors could purchase honey products and gift baskets, sample free treats, hot chocolate and hot apple cider, and tour the Honey House and its operations.

Santa Claus dropped by as well, and told young fans like Ashby, 3, "I'm having a honey of a day!"

## Shop the Neighbourhood



Black Friday, November 29, wasn't just about the Big Box retailers and shopping malls.

A number of smaller stores in the area participated in the Yellow Pages' Shop the Neighbourhood - including Yours Truly County Store, in Innisfil.

Stores registered with Yellow Pages, offered a deal - at Yours Truly, everything was 10% all "Black Friday" weekend - and displayed the yellow balloons and yellow shopping bags provided free of charge, to show participation in the event. Yours Truly County Store owner Sharon Smith called it "the small merchant's answer to Black Friday," and expressed a hope that next year will see more local businesses take part.

**Sharon Smith, right, and Sandy Judge at Yours Truly.**

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